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Title: **CONICAL, THREADED SUBTALAR IMPLANT**

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**RESPONSE TO NOTICE OF NON-COMPLIANT AMENDMENT, AND
REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

In response to the Notice of Non-Compliant Amendment mailed October 12, 2006 (the "Notice") and the Final Office Action mailed July 7, 2006 (the "Office Action"), Applicants respectfully request continued examination of this Application to allow the Examiner to reconsider the rejections of the claims and the objections to the Application in view of the following amendments thereto and/or the comments set forth below. This response is intended to entirely replace the Request for Continued Examination mailed October 9, 2006.